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For: CODE COMBINING SOFT HANDOFF METHOD

### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are submitted prior to a substantive examination of the above-identified application.

#### IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add new claims 29 - 47 as follows:

29. (New) A code combining soft handoff (CCSH) method, comprising:

*AI* transmitting a UHDM (Universal Handoff Direction Message) to a mobile terminal when a base station is going to swap a first puncturing code pattern for a second puncturing code pattern, said UHDM including a swap action time field for defining an action time to change the first puncturing code pattern to the second puncturing code pattern for an encoder; and

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